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	1	US 6,156,867	12/05/2000	Aoyama et al.	Corresponds to CN 1220677

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2	JP46-5395	11-29-1971	IMPERIAL CHEM IND LTD		ABS, EXAMPLE TABLE
	3	JP 2000-302854	10-31-2000	TOYOB0 CO LTD		PARTIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION
	4	CA 2,253,515	10-01-1998	TORAY IND INC.,P		ABS
	5	EP 0 768 319 A1	04-16-1997	NIPPON OIL CO. LTD.		

OTHER PRIOR ART -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

	6	The Specification and claims of U.S. Application No.09/830,223, filed 11/18/03	
	7	The Specification and Claims of U.S Application No. 10/186,634, filed 07/02/02	
	8	The specification and claims of U.S. Application No. 10/169,491, filed 07/03/02	
	9	The Specification and claims of U.S. Application No. 10/363,648, filed 03/04/03	

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4. Relevance of the non-English language reference(s) is discussed in the present specification.

5. The reference(s) was/were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. , filed, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this

U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

8. This application is one of a series of related applications, identified in the attached Appendix, which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of those U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to those applications now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited applications and the art cited therein during the examination.

9. The reference(s) was/were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent application No. _____, filed _____, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

10. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto. In addition, copies of the specifications and claims of co-pending U.S. applications having some claims are enclosed (Items 6-9).

11. Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. references are not included.

12. Other. Applicants request that the Examiner indicate that he has considered EP 0768319 A1 cited in the IDS filed July 1, 2003, which was crossed out by the Examiner as indicated in the Office Action of March 22, 2004. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/830,223, 10/169,491, 10/186,634, and 10/363,648, which are directed to related technical subject matter.

Copies of the Specifications and Claims of these co-pending U.S. applications are enclosed (see cite nos. 6-9). Some of the claims in these co-pending U.S. applications might have been rejected. Provided herein are Copies of the Office Actions mailed July 11, 2003 of Application No. 10/186,634, filed July 2, 2002; Office Action mailed April 22, 2004 of Application No. 10/169,491, filed July 3, 2002; Office Action mailed August 5, 2003, of Application No. 09/830,223, filed November 18, 2003; Office Action mailed October 21, 2002 of Application No. 09/830,223, filed November 18, 2003; Office Action mailed October 23, 2003 of Application No. 09/830,223, filed November 18, 2003; and Office Action mailed May 28, 2004 of Application No. 09/830,223, filed November 18, 2003.

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